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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SELECTMEN & AUDITORS

AND

Superintending School Committee,

OF THE

Town of Wentworth,

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1879.

LITTLETON, N. H.

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1879.

REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN

Of Wentworth, for the year ending March 1st, 1879.

RECEIPTS.

The Selectmen charge themselves as follows:

To resident cash assessments,	\$4,183 12	
“ non “ “ “	123 25	
“ “ highway “	36 25	
“ School house tax in district No. 2 & 9,	137 96	
“ “ “ “	8, 20 53	
“ “ “ “	7, 46 58	
“ dog tax,	83 00	
		\$4,630 69
“ received of County for support of paupers,	\$ 78 50	
“ “ State, railroad tax,	416 57	
“ “ “ Savings Bank tax,	186 81	
“ “ “ Literary fund,	79 18	
“ “ rents on lease lands,	48 60	
“ “ license for Stanley's Museum,	1 00	
“ “ Collector for 1876,	177 84	
“ “ “ 1877,	1,945 70	
“ “ cash in hands of Treasurer,	1,382 95	
“ “ Town Bonds sold,	400 00	
		\$4,717 15
		\$9,347 84

DISBURSEMENTS.

SCHOOL MONEY.

Paid B. M. Libby,	District No. 1,	\$ 105 00	
" J. P. Eaton,	" 2 & 9,	198 00	
" Z. S. Hollis,	" 3,	67 00	
" L. D. Webster,	" 4,	104 00	
" Elbridge Ellsworth,	" 5,	129 00	
" Freeman Page,	" 6,	87 00	
" N. Youngman,	" 7,	85 00	
" Orlando Boyd,	" 8,	84 00	
" A. L. Merrill,	" 10,	79 00	
" J. D. Marston,	" 11,	75 00	
" S. M. Libby,	" 12,	105 00	
" O. O. Whitchee,	" 13,	32 00	
			<hr/> \$1,150 00

SOCIETY MONEY.

Paid Congregational Society,	\$ 11 00	
" Baptist	" 9 00	
" Universalist	" 13 00	
		<hr/> \$ 33 00

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Paid John Sanders,	\$ 17 68
" F. E. Webster,	6 30
" W. W. Brown,	75 97
" S. P. Chase,	8 63
" O. O. Whitchee,	5 53
" Nelson Ellsworth,	5 50
" S. J. Pease,	10 00
" Luther Downing,	4 00
" Ephraim Ellsworth,	5 00
" J. T. Batchelder,	9 49
" H. W. Merrill,	10 00
" Cyrus Downing,	1 00
" L. P. Whitchee,	1 47
" E. C. Glover,	1 50
" Albert Pillsbury,	3 75
" Alanson Haines,	12 00
" Uriah Colburn,	10 08
" Wm. O. Chase,	11 25
" Wm. Kimball,	6 87
" James Emery,	3 00
" E. S. Chandler,	9 51
" Lewis Corliss,	3 12

" Samuel Nason,	14 62
" Wm. H. Moore,	8 25
" Granville Smith,	1 74
" J. M. Ellsworth,	1 25
" Jackson Eames,	1 25
" M. W. Davis,	1 08
" Willie Libby,	40
" Hiram Bishop,	7 02
" Alphonzo Brown,	6 74
" B. Y. Dana,	1 87
" B. M. Libby,	9 00
" Wm. C. Pillsbury,	9 00
" E. K. Webster,	1 25
" George Ellsworth,	26 10
" D. A. Foster,	10 50
" John Foster,	8 12
" John Currier,	4 18
" James Kimball,	27 23
" George Plummer,	27 01
" Wm. A. Foster,	1 50
" J. D. Colburn,	13 18
" F. A. Richardson,	2 50
" J. P. Eaton,	6 50
" W. H. Moses,	3 28
" Luther Downing,	2 99
" Benjamin Ellsworth,	6 93
" G. W. Runnells,	11 38
" J. N. Noster,	4 62
" B. Ellsworth,	10 75
" Amos Rollins,	6 82
" D. M. Currier,	3 12
" J. C. Ellsworth,	2 50
" David Gove,	22 77
" F. Eaton,	10 00
" Eaton, Davis & Co.,	1 76
" E. Gove,	2 25
" J. F. Dana,	2 50
" A. P. Tenney,	1 25
" H. C. Blood,	3 12
" T. P. Nutting,	50 50
" L. W. Davis,	56 61
" A. T. Emerton,	2 24
" O. G. Page,	38
" A. Sanders,	7 50
" N. S. Davis,	95

" J. S. Ford,	5 67
" N. Ellsworth,	8 00
" J. B. Randall,	12 00
" W. M. Simpson,	1 50
" G. W. Runnells,	22 00
" S. F. Savage,	13 70
" J. D. Stevens,	4 00
" E. B. Currier,	2 50
" M. L. Aiken,	7 50
" E. M. Blodgett,	3 75
" N. B. Foster,	6 61
" S. B. Burnham,	14 25
" Joseph Boyd,	15 17
" G. E. Jessamine,	8 50
" Joseph Colburn,	7 50
" H. Jessamine,	1 87
" N. M. Brown,	3 63
" W. F. York,	4 74
" D. P. Hoyt,	4 50
" B. W. Brown.	31 10
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\$ 809 88	

TOWN PAUPER BILLS.

Paid N. H. Asylum for support	
of J. F. Stevens,	\$ 179 12
" E. B. Currier for support of	
E. B. Currier, Jr.,	52 00
" Eaton, Davis & Co., for goods furn-	
ished H. Aiken,	92 41
" S. F. Savage, " " "	7 84
" E. M. Blodgett, " " "	11 22
" Wm. H. Moore, work and goods furn-	
ished H. Aiken,	25 80
" C. T. Shute, hay " "	8 26
" W. P. Bishop, work " "	1 25
" A. M. Cogswell, books " "	3 45
" Wm. T. Ellsworth, support of	
Ira Ellsworth,	100 00
" C. T. Shute, hay for Peter Clifford,	8 44
" Town of Warren, support of	
S. J. Nichols,	19 92
" Eaton, Davis & Co., flour for Peter Clifford,	7 50
" James Radford, flour and hay,	5 00
" I. S. Sanborn, support of J. F. San-	
born for town of Gilmanton,	26 00
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\$ 548 21	

COUNTY PAUPER BILLS.

Paid J. B. Stickney, support of		
Ansel Stickney,	\$	33 00
“ Eaton, Davis & Co., goods furnished Mrs. Mitchell,		29 13
“ E. S. Chandler, board and nursing		
L. M. Chandler,		10 00
“ L. W. Currier, cash paid Mrs. Mitchell,		2 00
	<hr/>	\$ 74 13

MISCELLANEOUS BILLS.

Paid W. C. Pillsbury, watering		
trough, 1877,	\$	2 50
“ J. P. Eaton, abatement school		
house tax,		96
“ Uriah Colburn, damage to		
sheep by dogs,		6 00
“ Joseph Colburn,		6 00
“ Milo Aiken,		5 00
“ Reuben Hobbs,		6 00
“ Cyrus Downing,		2 25
“ G. C. Furber, printing reports,		9 50
“ Samuel Ellsworth, abatement tax, 1877,		4 56
“ C. C. Clifford, watering trough,		2 50
“ E. K. Webster, bounty on bear,		10 00
“ Bounties on hawks and foxes,		14 70
“ B. W. Sanborn & Co., books and blanks,		4 49
“ O. Q. Cole, repairing wagons		
damaged on road,		4 25
“ J. L. Ellsworth, damage to sleigh,		3 00
“ E. Boardman, watering trough and gravel,		5 00
“ S. Merrill, damage to cart,		6 00
“ L. W. Currier, keeping tramps,		10 00
“ “ surveying town lines,		18 00
“ “ cash paid out,		15 00
“ W. C. Pillsbury, watering trough,		2 00
“ A. M. Cogswell, school notices,		75
“ “ sch'l book for Mrs. Brown,		65
	<hr/>	\$ 139 11

SERVICES, TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid A. M. Cogswell, S. S. Committee,	\$	25	00
" Wm. H. Davis, Town Clerk,		30	00
" E. M. Blodgett, Selectman,		45	00
" S. B. Burnham, "		50	00
" L. W. Currier, "		100	00
" M. L. Aikin, Collector,		59	05
" L. W. Currier, Treasurer,		25	00
" Auditors,		6	00
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		\$	340 05

Paid State tax,	\$	468	00
" County tax,		644	70
" Coupons,		936	00
" Town bonds and interest,		1,571	32
" Orlow Rollins, note and interest,		366	15
" David Boyd, school house tax			
district No. 8, 1877,		82	91
" " " " 1878,		20	00
" N. Youngman, school house tax			
district No. 7, 1878,		45	00
Due from Collector, 1876,		107	84
" " 1877,		85	70
" " 1878,		1,728	69
Cash in hands of Treasurer,		199	15
Whole amount,			<hr/>
		\$9,347	84

LIABILITIES OF THE TOWN, MARCH 1st, 1879.

Town Bonds,	\$16,200	00
Interest on Town Bonds,	648	00
Due School District No. 2 & 9,	137	96
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	\$16,985	96

ASSETS.

Due from State Railroad Tax,	\$	416	00
" " Savings Bank Tax,		187	00
" " Literary Fund,		80	00
" " Bounties,		41	60
" Rents on lease land,		60	00
" County, support of paupers,		74	13
" John Whitcher, note and interest,		157	81
" Town of Gilmanton,		26	00

"	Collector, 1873,	71 30
"	" 1874,	21 32
"	" 1875,	22 67
"	" 1876,	107 84
"	" 1877,	85 70
"	" 1878,	1,726 69
Cash in Treasury,		199 15
		—————\$ 3,277 21

Balance of indebtedness, \$13,708 75

Decrease of debt since last year, \$147 29

Respectfully submitted,

L. W. CURRIER,	}	Selectmen of Wentworth.
S. B. BURNHAM,		
E. M. BLODGETT,		

We hereby certify that we have examined the foregoing accounts, and find them properly kept and accurately cast.

A. M. COGSWELL,	}	Auditors.
S. G. CURRIER,		
WM. H. MOORE,		

SCHOOL REPORT.

In presenting this, my Fourth Annual Report of Schools, allow me to say that, as a whole, I am of the opinion that our schools have not made as much advancement as they ought to have made. In some districts there has been a decided improvement, while in others we could discover hardly any at all. In some instances this may have been partially the fault of the teachers; but it seems to me to be, to a great extent, the fault of the Prudential Committees. I find from the registers returned that there has not been interest enough shown by *any* Prudential Committee, either in school or teacher, to visit any school in our town during the past year. There has, however, been an increased number of visits by parents and citizens. Prudential Committees have also been very remiss in notifying the Supt. Committee of the commencement and closing of their schools. Some of the teachers have been very careless in filling out and returning to me their registers. I have found only *three* correctly filled out thus far, one for both terms by the same teacher, the other two, one term each, being, however, the only term taught by them. I will not weary you with comments on schools or teachers, but will merely say that the schools in Districts No. 1, 2 & 9, 3, 5, 8 (in summer), 10 and 12 have been very fortunate in their choice of teachers, and have made good progress. I was unable to visit No. 8 at the close of the winter term, but have no doubt that the school was a success. No. 1, also, I did not visit at the close of the winter term, as I was out of town; but from the appearance of the school at its commencement, and that of the teacher, I have no doubts of its success. The school in No. 2 & 9, during the winter term, has been very much broken from sickness, death, and other causes, and did not appear as well as

usual at its close. I think the school in No. 10 is our best school, both in scholarship and deportment. Nos. 6 and 11 were not visited by me at the close of the winter term, not having had any notice of it. In No. 4, the teacher seemed to have tried her best, but, on the whole, the school was not a success. I think there is fault with both scholars and parents in this district.

The whole amount of school money for 1878, was \$1,150. The expenditure of this amount of money should be well looked after by those to whom it is intrusted. I would advise, where practicable, the hiring of the same teacher for the school year. For a better understanding of the *status* of the schools, I would refer you to the tabular report on the 11th page. I will also give the "Roll of Honor" for the past year, being the names of all those who have not been absent or tardy, as follows:

Those who have not been absent or tardy for the School Year, are Bertha M. Crane, Alba C. Randall, Willie O. Randall, Eugene C. Randall, Hattie E. Turner, Etta M. Merrill, Lulu M. Foster, Bert O. Witcher and John W. Witcher. Those not absent or tardy for one term, are Mary E. Pillsbury, John P. Currier, Philip C. Shute, Geo. H. Rollins, Ada M. Clifford, Fred E. Libbey, Walter Libbey, Frank Eastman, Bessie L. Nason, Geo. R. Nason, Asa B. Boardman, Ida M. Batchelder, Addie M. Ellsworth, Edward Pease, Lorenzo D. Pease, Arlie F. Whicher, Nettie J. Boyd, Lucy B. Boyd, Dora A. Boyd, Mina M. Rogers, Persis M. Plummer, Charlie H. Turner, Mary M. Aiken, Andrew Aiken, Forrest D. Colby, Ada L. Sanborn, Austin H. Sanborn, Curtice A. Sanborn.

In closing let me say that our schools are, to a great extent what we, as citizens, make them. It is useless for us to expend our money without looking after the manner in which it is expended, and for this purpose we must see to it that the agents employed do their whole duty. Each parent and citizen should be personally interested in our schools, and should show their interest by their presence in the school-room.

Respectfully submitted.

A. M. COGSWELL,

Supt. School Committee.

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